

UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS – January 7, 2007

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Unified Arizona Veterans was called to order at 10:05 a.m. with proper ceremonies by Chairman Bill Krause. The roll call was called; a quorum was established.

Introductions: Donna Adams introduced Bob DiGerolamo, Department Commander of Disabled American Veterans.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed by a motion from Chuck Fulk, seconded and carried. The Treasurer's report was accepted by a motion from Chuck Fulk, seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Donna Adams to grant membership for Navy Reserve Association and WAVES, both represented by Carol Culbertson, seconded and carried.

Reports: Donna Adams reported that the Legislative Day held at the State Capitol was very successful. The members were thanked for the good turn-out and for getting the word out to their members.

Bob Delker reported that Congress will attempt to hear no pork barrel legislation this fiscal year.

Monica Cabrera, VARO Management Analyst, introduced Bob Granstrom, the newly appointed VARO Deputy Director.

Sue Colvin, VAMC Patient Advocate announced that renovation efforts are underway in the Nursing Home.

Wayne Ellis, NMCA Director, reported that the Prescott VA Cemetery has not yet been accepted.

Jesse Gerston announced that Memorial Day services will be held at the National Cemetery on May 28th. Rick Romley will be the emcee for the program.

Mel Brody advised that Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon has stated that the USS Phoenix sail can be relocated to Steel Park.

The Military Lounge is open and operating in Terminal 2 at the airport. It is estimated that the monthly operational costs will be about \$750.00 per month.

Old Business: Discussion of invitations to the Arizona delegation offices was initiated and led to discussion of the State Legislature. It was determined to invite the legislators in groups, beginning with those that serve on committees relevant to veterans' issues.

Good of the Order: The next Veterans Benefits Expo will be held in Peoria on February 17th.

The 50/50 was won by Marge Ahrens.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 with proper ceremonies to meet again February 3, 2007.

Donna Adams, Secretary